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SUBJECT: ROK DEMONSTRATORS BREAK INTO JAPANESE EMBASSY

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 1050 HOURS TODAY (SEPT. 6)  
GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 100 DEMONSTRATORS ALLEGEDLY  
BELONGING TO KWANGOKHUE (LIBERATION SOCIETY) PUSHED  
THROUGH MAIN GATE OF JAPANESE EMBASSY AND ENTERED  
THE EMBASSY BUILDING PROPER. (KWANGBOKHUE IS REMNANT GROUP  
TRACING BACK TO KOREAN COMMUNITY IN CHINA IN PRE-LIBERATION DAYS).  
WHILE HEAVY CONTINGENT OF RIOT POLICE ALLOWED THEM TO ENTER  
AND STOOD BY, DEMONSTRATORS ROAMED AT  
WILL IN FIRST TWO FLOORS OF EMBASSY, SMASHING FURNITURE  
AND BURNING PAPERS. HANDFUL OF DEMONSTRATORS CLIMBED  
TO ROOF BY OUTSIDE STAIRCASE AND PULLED DOWN JAPANESE  
FLAG.

2. RIOT POLICE MOVED IN ON DEMONSTRATORS AFTER TEN  
OR FIFTEEN MINUTES AND DEMONSTRATORS DISPERSED QUICKLY

3. FROM OUR OWN OBSERVATIONS AND ACCOUNT BY  
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CANADIAN EMBASSY, WHICH IS LOCATED NEXT TO JAPANESE

EMBASSY, DEMONSTRATION WAS OBVIOUSLY GOVERNMENT INSPIRED. POLICE WERE MASSED AT TWO OF THREE ACCESS ROUTES TO EMBASSY. WHILE AN ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE GROUP DEMONSTRATED PEACEFULLY AT ONE POINT OF ACCESS, GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 150 MALE ADULTS ARRIVED BY TRUCK AT THIRD POINT OF ACCESS AND JOINED CROWD OF ABOUT 300 PEOPLE. MEN APPROACHED EMBASSY GATE AND ABOUT 100 SUCCEEDED IN GETTING IN. DURING COURSE OF RAMPAGE IN EMBASSY, DEMONSTRATORS BROKE SEVERAL WINDOWS, HURLED FURNITURE TO THE GROUND AND TOSSED OUT PAPERS WHICH WERE SET FIRE TO BY OTHER DEMONSTRATORS. IT APPEARED THAT DEMONSTRATORS WHO TORE DOWN FLAG INTENDED TO RAISE KOREAN FLAG IN ITS PLACE BUT WERE DETERRED BY ENTRY OF POLICE INTO EMBASSY COMPOUND.

4. ACCORDING TO CANADIAN EMBASSY OBSERVERS, DEMONSTRATORS DISPERSED AFTER POLICE FIRED TWO TEAR GAS BOMBS. THERE WERE APPARENTLY NO CLASHES WITH POLICE BUT SEVERAL OF DEMONSTRATORS REPORTEDLY INJURED EITHER IN THEIR RAMPAGE THROUGH EMBASSY OR THROUGH SYMBOLIC ATTEMPTS AT SLASHING THEIR BODIES.

5. NO JAPANESE WERE IN EVIDENCE DURING DEMONSTRATION AND WE HAVE NO REPORTS SO FAR OF INJURY TO JAPANESE EMBASSY PERSONNEL.

6. MOFA INFORMS US THAT ASSISTANT MINISTER KIM CHONG TAE AND ASIA DIRECTOR SHIN CHUNG SOP ARE AT JAPANESE EMBASSY TO EXPRESS THEIR REGRETS OVER INCIDENT TO JAPANESE AMBASSADOR.

7. COMMENT BOTH POLICE AND KCIA SOURCES INFORMALLY INDICATE THAT DEMONSTRATION AGAINST JAPANESE EMBASSY WAS PROVOKED BY LATEST PRESS REPORTS COMING OUT OF JAPAN, FOCUSING PARTICULARLY ON STATEMENT BY FONMIN KIMURA SEPT 5 TO EFFECT THAT ROKG IS NOT THE ONLY LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT ON KOREAN PENINSULA.(SEPTTEL) ERICSON

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